

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is open to all.
Growing seed and saving seed
is encouraged but not a requirement.

Type 1: Yearly donation of

- ☐ \$10..... Living Lightly
- ☐ \$20..... Supporting Member
- ☐ \$60..... Family Member
- ☐ \$100..... Sustaining Member
- ☐ \$250..... Outreach Member
- ☐ \$400..... Research Member

Type 2: One Time Donation

- ☐ \$1000.....Lifetime Member

Membership donations should be made
payable to "K.A.W. Council" and sent to:

Kaw Valley Seeds Project
C/O Jerry Sipe
P.O. Box 773

Lawrence, KS 66044-0773

Please write "Kaw Valley Seeds Project"
in the memo on your check and include
this information:

Name _____

Street _____

Town _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Establishing quality LOCAL SEEDS for great LOCAL FOOD!

KAW VALLEY SEEDS PROJECT



OUR MISSION IS TO GROW AND SERVE

VISION:

The seed of our food belongs to the Creator. The seed is on loan to us to be carried forward for the benefit of All, unto the seventh generation. In these times of climate, economic, social, and spiritual change, a local reserve of living seeds is a necessary legacy we carry forward in our endeavor to flourish in co-creation with all beings.



MISSION:

To create a local living seed reserve... by fostering a network of people committed to growing, eating, sharing and bartering, buying and selling primary seed** varieties of the Kansas River valley. We will facilitate this reserve by fashioning, blending, acquiring, and dispersing locally adapted primary seeds and plant materials for propagation of food, medicinal, and ceremonial plants. These seeds being locally grown and locally proven, in merit.



GOALS:

1. To provide our community access to quality*** organic, local seeds.
2. To collect and preserve local living primary seeds.
3. To collect and preserve the cultural histories of these seeds.
4. To promote and teach organic seed saving practices.
5. To develop and distribute food seeds that are optimum for our unique Kansas River Valley soils and variable climate.
6. To establish a seed growers network to meet the needs of local gardeners, market gardeners, and small organic farmers.
7. To promote seed security and biodiversity.

WHAT IS?

A **Local Living Seed Reserve*** provides ways to store seeds that are grown and saved locally. By placing our community food seeds in a reserve, we protect and keep alive our vegetable and fruit varieties, that are especially adapted and suited to our unique climate and soils.

Primary Seed** is defined as the part of a plant from which a new plant can be grown. This can be generative, such as grain, or vegetative, as a tuber, stem, or bulb. When grown it produces plants like itself. Primary seeds are also called open-pollinated, standard, or non-hybrid. These may be also heirloom, and or heritage. They are not hybrids or genetically modified.

Seed Quality*** means seed consistency, varietal purity, organic and clean seed, with high germination capacity, and freedom from disease.



How do our seeds enter the Kaw Valley Seeds Project?

- * Anyone may entrust seeds into the Reserve.
- * No hybrid or genetically modified seeds are accepted.
- * Seeds must be grown with organic methods and practices.
- * A short cultural and social history should be included.

How do our seeds go back into our Kaw Valley Local Community?

- * Seeds are offered annually to Project members and the general public.
- * The seed amounts offered are determined by the total amount and quality of our seed in the Project's Reserve.
- * Project members always receive priority access to seeds.
- * Seeds grown from Project's Reserve seeds are labeled, "Kaw Valley Reserve Seeds", and are thusly offered.
- * Seed contributions from outside sources are labeled and offered as "Kaw Valley Trial Seeds".

SUPPORTED BY:

Memberships, donations, workshops, grants, sales, and events such as seed swaps and fairs. We are a project of Kansas Area Watershed Council Inc, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. Your donations may be tax deductible.

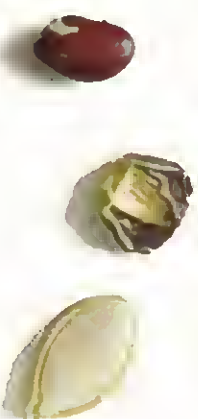


BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

1. Kaw Valley Seeds Project members can buy or exchange seeds at lower member rates.
2. Members may acquire any of the seeds available through the Project.
3. Members receive free technical assistance, consulting services, and use of technical equipment needed, such as shellers, sifters, etc.
4. Membership entitles you to free entry to our training workshops and community events.
5. Kaw Valley Seeds Project will manage the seed reserve for participants, including storage, documentation, and histories of the seeds.

Questions may be addressed to
Jerry at 785-331-2315

A **SINCERE THANK YOU** to all local elders, Central Prairie Seed Exchange and Seed Savers Exchange members, for all their sincere work at saving many of our basic seeds, here in the Central Prairie, doing the "backyard research" that has made their seed available to us today.



Local Seeds For Local Food

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